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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Greetings,

This year's annual carnival was held May 28, 2009. The carnival represents one small way to say **THANK YOU!** to the staff members who work at Norfolk Veterans Home. This year, as in years past and years to come, ALL NVH staff plays a key role in the success of this event. I would like to say a special THANK YOU to all the staff that put out so much effort to make this event the huge success that it was. I would also like to say THANK YOU to all our wonderful volunteers who helped make this a very special day for our staff, families and members.

As employees of Norfolk Veterans Home we have the honor and privilege of Caring for Americas Heroes. Across the generations – indeed, across the centuries – Americans have answered the call to duty and many paid the ultimate price. The America we know today would not be the same were it not for the men and women who have and continue to willingly serve our country.

Much of the contemporary history of the world was shaped and molded by the tens of millions of American veterans who put their lives on hold to wear the uniform. Who among us could even begin to contemplate the world today had courageous defenders of freedom not stood fast against the scourge of Nazi fascism or ruthless imperialism in the Pacific?

The latest generation of American veterans is engaged in a struggle no less critical to history than their predecessors. Everyday, young men and women are returning from Iraq and Afghanistan after having served as sentinels in the Global War on Terror. Most come home to joyous reunions with loved ones and revel in the collective sigh of relief that marks a safe return. Others come home with the visible and invisible wounds that are the tragic hallmarks of armed conflict, while still others return in solemn, eternal repose beneath an American flag.

We must all make very sure that we never stop educating our youngsters about the price that has been paid for their freedom.

I am proud to be able to serve these individuals and equally proud of the staff members of Norfolk Veterans Home and the service they provide to this community of veterans. The value and importance of their work is evident every day in the faces of the veterans we serve. Each staff member is an invaluable part of a team of caregivers who help maximize the quality of life that our members enjoy.

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VOLUNTEER CORNER

JENNY LAST, VOLUNTEER SERVICES COORDINATOR

Two Norfolk Veterans Home Members honored at Memorial Day Program on May 25th. George Hundt and Shortie Uttecht were both presented honors by representative Darel Heppner for 60 years of continuous membership to the Norfolk Legion Post #16 and the Norfolk VFW Post #1644.

Both men had family and friends with them as they received their honors and both are proud to have served their Country. Congratulations to George & Shortie.



Anyone interested in volunteer opportunities at the Norfolk Veterans Home contact

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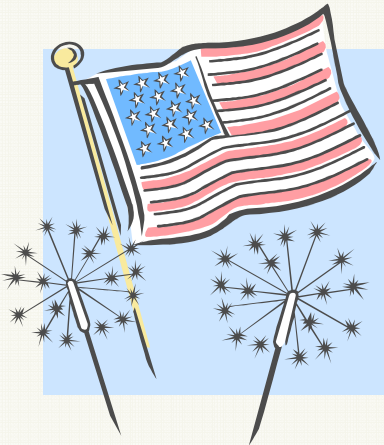


THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON . . .

Everyone who helped make this year's Carnival a success!



SAVE THE DATE



**Remember to mark your calendars for the
“Second Best Fireworks Show” in town.**

Friday, July 3rd, 2009

In the Front Circle Drive of the Norfolk Veterans Home at dusk. Bring your blankets and your lawn chairs for this great family event. Bingo will be at 7:00 pm and Dan Reding will play at 8:30 pm outdoors as we wait for dark. This event is made possible by the State Department American Legion and Auxilliary, the State Department Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxilliary and the “Fireworks Crew”.

**THE NORFOLK VETERANS HOME IS A STATE OPERATED FACILITY PROVIDING
LONG TERM CARE FOR ELIGIBLE NEBRASKA VETERANS.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSION,
PLEASE CONTACT YOUR**

**LOCAL COUNTY SERVICE OFFICER
OR JOAN HULT @ (402) 370-3109**

OR

COLLEEN BENSON @ (402) 370-3469

In Remembrance of Those Members Who Have Passed.

Although no sculptured marble should rise to their memory,
nor engraved stone bear record of their deed, yet will their re-
membrance be as lasting as the land they honored.

~Daniel Webster

*Leo Swanson
Chester Marotz
Edwin Hurd*



NEW EMPLOYEES



Ann Saegharth

Position: LPN II
Shift: 6am—2:30pm



Ashlyn Doerr

Position: Staff Care Tech II
Shift: 2pm—10:30pm



Sarah Fechner

Position: Food Service Asst.



Ann Heiderman

Position: LPN II
Shift: 10pm—6:30am



Carol Janke

Position: Staff Care Tech II
Shift: 2pm—10:30pm



Sophia Wernhoff

Position: Staff Care Tech II
Shift: 2pm—10:30pm



Melissa Cherington

Position: LPN II
Shift: 6am—2:30pm



Aleasha Conroy

Position: Staff Care Tech II
Shift: 10pm—6:30am



Amy Johnson

Position: Staff Care Tech II
Shift: 6am—2:30pm



Taylor Olsen

Position: Staff Care Tech II
Shift: 2pm–10:30pm



Jean Eckert

Position: Temp. Housekeeper
Shift: 7am to 3:30pm



*Welcome to all of our
new employees!*



MEMBER AND EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



Dorian "Woody" Widhelm

Woody has been a member at NVH since July 2008 and lives here on Unit B with his wife Barbara. Woody is always willing to help out fellow members by pushing them to and from activities. Thank you for your help!



Sara Jo Strong

Sara is an LPN on the 2pm to 10:30pm shift. Sara is helpful and friendly to the members here at NVH as well as her co-workers. The kindness and compassion she gives is above and beyond. Congratulations Sara!



Memorial Day Salute To those who have served

On Memorial day, we honor those who have protected our freedom through the years. There are those who lost their lives in battle, those who bear the memories and those who continue to defend our nation today. To all of these brave men and women go our admiration and gratitude. We salute them for their sacrifice and service, as their example inspires future generations of Americans to appreciate and protect our country and all that it signifies.

Bits & Pieces

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133**

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Occasion
Room**

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For a Meal
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24 Hr. Notice
Please**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

Name: **Robert Hayter**

Branch of the military served: **Headquarters 134 ordnance and 12th Armored Division**

How many years of service: **1940-1946**

What was your occupation (military or afterwards): **Banking**

Favorite past thing to do for leisure: **Fishing**

Favorite current thing to do for leisure: **Play cards**

Favorite Person or Best Buddy: **Gary Ziegler**

Favorite color(s): **Red**

Favorite song: **Easter Parade**

Favorite ice cream: **Strawberry**

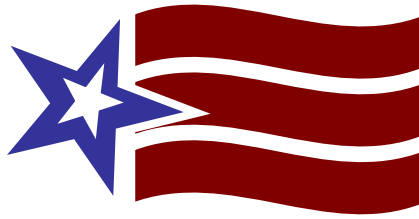
Most memorable moment: **When I was made president of the bank**

If you were king for a day, what would you do: **Play Texas Hold em' Poker**

What do you enjoy most about living at the Norfolk Veterans Home:
Probably the trips to other places

Can you give us some words of wisdom: **Early to bed, early to rise, makes one healthy, wealthy and wise.**





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This is also why we pause and celebrate with events such as our carnival— this year and every year. We remember those who have paid the ultimate price for America and all humanity, but we also reflect on the achievements wrought by their sacrifice. Life and liberty are God-given rights, but throughout history, the task of defending these high ideals has fallen to ordinary men and women of extraordinary courage and fortitude. We give thanks for their courage and fortitude and we give thanks for our wonderful staff that cares for our members every day.

Sincerely,

Jerry Eisenhower
Administrator, Norfolk Veterans Home

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for the members, families, staff and other interested parties.

NURSING ASSISTANTS WEEK

We celebrate Nursing Assistants Week June 15th to 22nd. During this week we focus on ways nursing assistants make a difference in the lives of the people in their care. Nursing assistants use innovative approaches foster comfort, alleviate stress, encourage friendships, and provide for the wellbeing for our elder or disabled citizens.

Please thank our Nursing Assistants for all their hard work and dedication to the Members of the Norfolk Veterans Home.

